Annual turnover in cotton and readymade garments production

†*58. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many people are employed in activities ranging from cotton production to readymade garments production in the country;

(b) if so, the average annual turnover of the industry;

(c) whether it is also a fact that taxes, cess and additional taxes are collected by Central and State Governments at different levels from cotton production to stitching of clothes in the industry; and

(d) if so, the levels at which tax, cess, additional tax, etc. are collected, with type and rate of each?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the report of Working Group on Textile and Jute Industry for the Eleventh Five Year Plan, estimated employment in textile and allied industry as on 31.03.2006 is 88.02 million. The current market size of the Indian textile industry is US$ 55 billion (US$33 billion domestic and US$22 billion export).

(c) and (d) Central Government does not levy any tax on cotton Textiles. However there is a varied pattern of taxes and levies in various States.

Mortality of workers due to occupational diseases

*59. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work related mortality takes a toll of 4,00,000 Indian workers every year and renders more than 3,50,000 workers unproductive because of occupational diseases;

(b) whether India is a signatory to the International Labour Organisation's (ILO's) Promotional frame-work for Occupational Safety and Health Convention; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir. As per the statistics collected from the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations the number of fatal injuries in factories during the year 2007 is given in Statement-I (*See* below) and the number of workers affected by occupational diseases in factories during the year 2006 and 2007 is given in Statement-II and III respectively (*See* below).

The number of fatal injuries in 11 major ports for the year 2007 is given in Statement-IV (*See* below). No case of occupational disease was reported in major ports during the years 2006 and 2007.

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